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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	Budget Committee
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	10820/19
Subject:	Transfer of appropriations No DEC 11/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019

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1. On 28 June 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council proposal for transfer of appropriations No DEC 11/2019.

The purpose of this proposal is to transfer an amount of EUR 29.02 million in commitment appropriations (c/a) from Item 13 05 63 02 (*Cross-border cooperation (CBC) - Contribution from Heading 4*) and EUR 17.52 million in payment appropriations (p/a) from Item 22 02 03 02 (*Support for economic, social and territorial development and related progressive alignment to the Union acquis*) to Article 04 03 14 (*European Training Foundation (ETF)*) (EUR 0.02 million in c/a and p/a), to Item 19 03 01 04 (*Other crisis management measures and operations*) (EUR 16 million in p/a), to Article 19 03 02 (*Support to non-proliferation and disarmament*) (EUR 8.5 million in c/a), to Article 19 06 01 (*Information outreach on the Union's external relations*) (EUR 1.5 million in c/a and p/a), to Item 21 02 07 03 (*Human development*) (EUR 9 million in c/a) and to Item 22 04 01 03 (*Mediterranean countries - confidence building, security and the prevention and settlement of conflicts*) (EUR 10 million in c/a), as recorded in document 10820/19.

2. The transfer is being proposed for several reasons:
- to use recovered amounts and windfall from the currency depreciation of the Lira;
  - to replenish a budget line for the European Training Foundation, from which an equivalent amount was taken to pay indemnities;
  - to reinforce p/a for the higher pre-financing rate for civilian CSDP missions;
  - to reinforce c/a for additional needs following Council decisions for civilian CFSP missions;
  - to reinforce c/a and p/a for strategic communications plans as well combating disinformation about the EU;
  - to reinforce the Development Cooperation Instrument c/a to be able to support the UN Development System reform (UNDS); and
  - to reinforce the European Neighbourhood Instrument to fulfil the pledges made in response to the Syrian refugee crisis.
3. The Budget Committee examined this proposal for a transfer at its meeting on 5 July 2019.
4. Following that examination, the Budget Committee agreed, by a qualified majority, to suggest that the Permanent Representatives Committee advise the Council to approve:
- the proposed transfer of appropriations;
  - the draft letter in the ANNEX to that effect.
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DRAFT LETTER

from : President of the Council  
to : President of the Commission  
copy: President of the European Parliament

Sir,

In accordance with Article 31(6) of the Financial Regulation of 18 July 2018<sup>1</sup>, I inform you that the Council has approved transfer of appropriations No DEC 11/2019 within Section III - Commission - of the general budget for 2019.

(Complimentary close).

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU), 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014 and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 (OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1).